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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jerome Bequart et al.

Application No.: 10/073,118

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: ALBUMIN DERIVATIVES WITH
THERAPEUTIC FUNCTIONS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please insert the attached Sequence Listing (pages 1-18) at the end of the
application.

On page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 with the following
new paragraph:

The expression plasmids can also take the form of shuttle vectors between a
bacterial host such as Escherichia coli and yeasts; in this case an origin of replication
and a selectable marker that function in the bacterial host would be required. It is also
possible to position restriction sites which are unique on the expression vector such that